

REMARKS

Claims 4-7, 9, and 12-15 remain in this application, claims 1-3, 8, 10, 11, and 16 are canceled, and new claims 17-19 are added. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Figure 1 as shown on the replacement sheet appended to this Reply illustrates the steps discussed in specification paragraphs 0021-0030, while Figure 2 as shown on the new sheet appended to this Reply schematically illustrates the closing device/sunroof specified in the claims. It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of the invention is adequately illustrated, and that the objection set forth in section 2 on pages 2-3 of the Office Action has been adequately addressed.

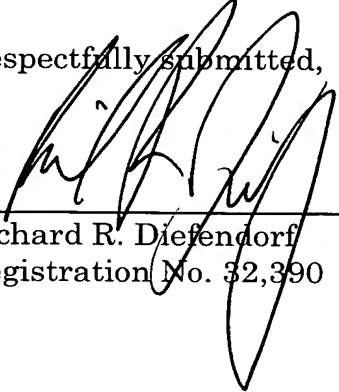
The claim amendments appearing above are made following consideration of the comments provided by the Examiner in section 4 on page 3 of the Office Action, and all claims now in this application fully comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Each of claims 4-7 is rewritten above in independent form, and the rejections based on the Lamm et al., Schober et al., and Boisvert et al. patents set forth in sections 6, 9, and 10 of the Office Action are moot. Prior art was not applied against any of claims 4-7, and it is respectfully submitted that each of these claims as it appears above is patentable. The other claims remaining in and added to this application are dependent claims and should be patentable as well.

If there are any questions regarding this Reply or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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Respectfully submitted,



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## DRAWING AMENDMENTS

Please amend the drawings by modifying the sole figure originally filed in this application as shown on the replacement sheet appended to this Reply, and by adding Figure 2 as shown on the new sheet appended to this Reply.